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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IMPACT OF FMG ACTION ON GAO AUDIT

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1. REFS A AND B DESCRIBE RECENT UNEXPECTED ACTION BY
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) OF FEDERAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA (FMG) AFFECTING PROCEDURES AND
PRACTICES OF THE ICA EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THESE DEVELOP-
MENTS WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND UNPREDICTABLE IMPACT ON
FUTURE OF PROGRAM AS CONSEQUENCES COULD BE AS FAR-REACHING
AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL EXCHANGE GRANTS BE AT THE INITIA-
TIVE OF MEA BASED ON PROPOSALS FROM ICA LAGOS WITH, HOW-
EVER, VETO RIGHT BY ICA. WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
PROCEDURES WILL BE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND LATER.

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2. ON HOPEFUL SIDE, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME MOVEMENT
TOWARD RELAXING STRINGENCIES OF ORIGINAL NOTE, WHICH
MIGHT PROVIDE SOME COMPROMISE ALLOWING FOR MORE DIRECT
ICA ROLE THROUGHOUT PROCESS. THIS MOVEMENT WILL PRO-
BABLY REQUIRE SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS TO REACH CONCLUSION.
IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE IN LIMBO AS FAR AS NEXT FISCAL
YEAR AND AFTERWARDS ARE CONCERNED.

3. FOREGOING IS PROVIDED GAO FRANKFURT AS FACTOR IN CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AUGUST AUDIT IS TIMELY. POST WILL WELCOME REVIEW OF PAST PRACTICES AND WILL BE PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THAT EXERCISE. HOWEVER, GIVEN CURRENT SITUATION, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERTAKE CONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURE. WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, WE WELCOME VISIT, BUT GAO MAY WISH TO CONSIDER POSTPONING UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 1 WHEN PROCEDURES OF WHATEVER NATURE SHOULD BE PRETTY WELL WORKED OUT.
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